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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Director, Office of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: Weekly Report

1. Action is underway on obtaining courtesy calls with key members of Congress for Bob Gates, prior to his confirmation hearing. Although the date has not been set, SSCI is aiming for mid-April.

2. The home-to-work transportation bill is still awaiting a Senate vote. After we learned early yesterday that the vote was scheduled for last night (which subsequently proved to be false), we worked with the SSCI staff to put together correcting amendments along with an accompanying floor statement by Sen. Durenberger, who has agreed to help us. Meanwhile, we met with OMB staff, which for the first time agreed to changes to meet our concerns. It is not clear exactly why the vote was delayed or when it will come up, but prospects seem improved that our equities can be protected. Incidentally, Sen. Stevens is also poised to offer floor amendments concerning the Postal Service; so we are not the only agency unhappy with the bill in its original form.

3. The first in the series of SSCI hearings linked to the National Intelligence Strategy start on 12 March with Al Burkhalter appearing on support to military operations. Bob Gates appears on 13 and 20 March on Soviet and Third World issues respectively, and Al Burkhalter and supporting cast appear on 19 March on sensitive collection issues.

4. At OGC's request, we arranged a meeting with Mike O'Neil to seek his cooperation in facilitating an agreement OGC reached with Rep. Dingell's Energy and Commerce Committee to allow access to certain documents pertaining to the Rewald case. After [] explained the circumstances involved, O'Neil agreed to make a room at HPSCI available so that a Dingell staffer, accompanied by an OGC representative, could review the documents there. This is an unusual but we think satisfactory arrangement.

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